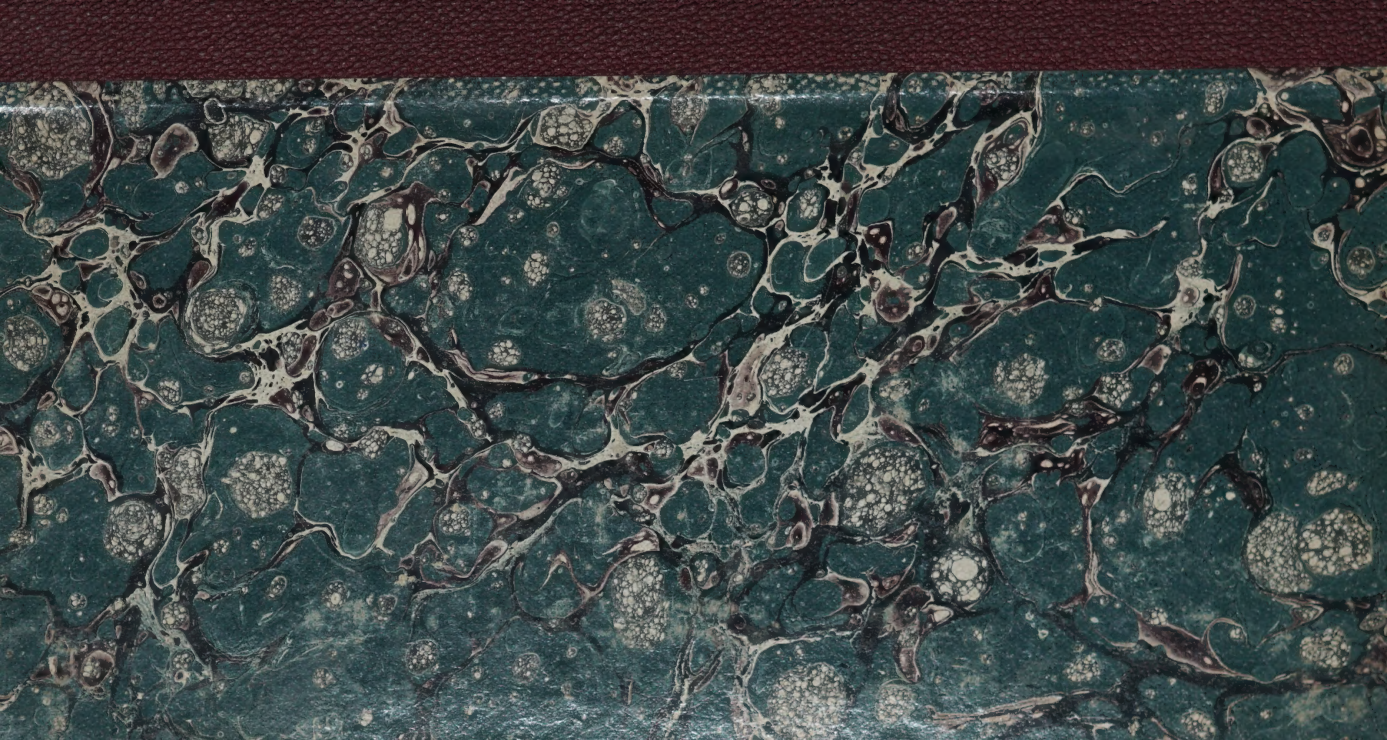

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ANTI-SLAVERY LEAGUE

Founded in London, August, 10, 1846.

GEORGE THOMPSON, PRESIDENT.

PREAMBLE.

"WHEREAS there are in the United States of America 3,000,000 of the human race held in chains and Slavery by a power which sacrilegiously usurps the proprietary right of the Creator; and whereas these 3,000,000 of Slaves, in their utter helplessness and degradation, make their appeal to the friends of humanity throughout the world; and whereas the cause of humanity is not bounded by country or clime, nor moral obligations and duties circumscribed by geographical limitations or governmental restrictions; and whereas the God of the oppressed, who hath never left himself without witness, hath raised up for the Slave population of the United States, friends who are nobly and faithfully struggling to obtain liberty for the captive by the prosecution of moral and peaceful measures;—

"Therefore we, the undersigned, desirous of showing our 'remembrance of those in bonds, as bound with them,' and believing that we can essentially serve the cause of those in bondage by acting with the uncompromising Abolitionists who compose 'THE AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY,' do form ourselves into an Association to be called 'The Anti-Slavery League,' based upon the following principles:—

"ART. 1. That Slave-holding is, under all circumstances, a sin of the deepest dye, and ought immediately to be abandoned.

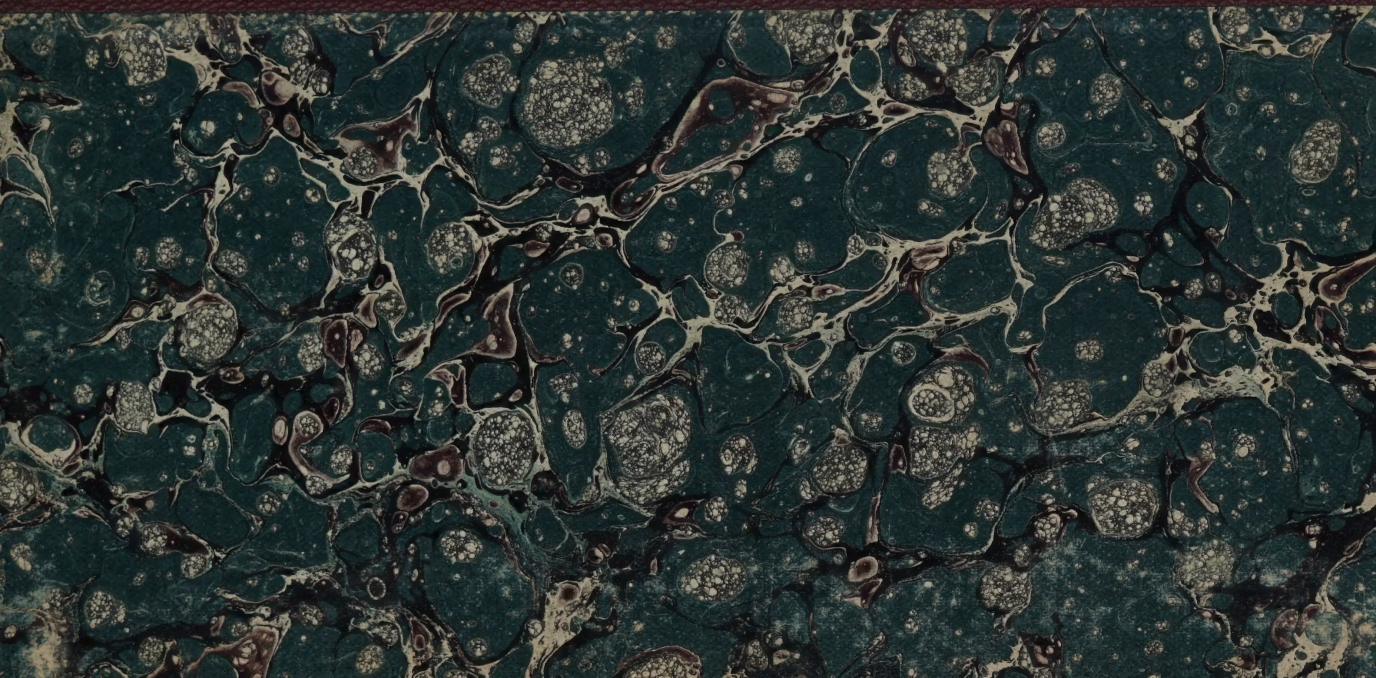
"ART. 2. That the members of this League shall consist of all persons subscribing to the foregoing principles, without respect of country, complexion, or religious or political creeds.

"ART. 3. That the sole object of this League shall be the overthrow, by means exclusively moral and peaceful, of Slavery in every land, but with special reference to the system now existing in the United States."

Every Individual becomes a Member of the ANTI-SLAVERY LEAGUE, by receiving a Card of Membership, on payment of One Shilling, which goes to the Fund for carrying on the operations of the League.

AT the BREAKFAST to W. L. GARRISON, and G. THOMPSON, in Wilcke's Temperance Hotel, on Saturday Morning, Oct. 17, it was resolved to form a Branch Society to the ANTI-SLAVERY LEAGUE for NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE and GATESHEAD. The parties present subscribed as Members, resolving that Papers for the Signatures of persons wishing to join such Society, shall be placed at Wilcke's Temperance Hotel; J. Mawson's, Chemist, Mosley Street; Messrs. J. & D. Catcheside, Booksellers, Mosley Street; and the Observer Office, Gateshead; and that on WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT, 28, a MEETING of the Members shall be held at Wilcke's Temperance Hotel, at 8 o'Clock, to appoint a Committee.

Newcastle-on-Tyne,
Oct, 20., 1846.

GEORGE HARRIS,
Chairman.

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